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Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 43

Introduced by Senator Leslie
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Lockyer, Maddy, and Vasconcellos)

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 43—Relative to highways.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 43, as amended, Leslie. Stephen P. Teale Highway: Amador County Veterans Memorial Bridge.

This measure would designate the portion of State Highway Route 26 between the communities of Mokelumne Hill and West Point in Calaveras County the Stephen P. Teale Highway, ~~and~~ designate Bridge 26-17 on State Highway Route 49 the Amador County Veterans Memorial Bridge, *and designate the portion of State Highway Route 89 between the City of Truckee and Tahoe City the 10th Mountain Division Memorial Highway.*

The measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate plaques and markers showing these special designations and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect appropriate plaques and markers.

Fiscal committee: yes.

1 WHEREAS, Stephen P. Teale was born on June 16,
2 1916, in San Francisco and moved to the community of
3 West Point in Calaveras County in 1945, where he lived
4 until his death in 1997; and

5 WHEREAS, Stephen P. Teale elected to become a
6 physician and surgeon in 1932, graduating from the
7 California College of Osteopathic Physicians and
8 Surgeons in 1943, and he served two years of internship
9 and residency at Los Angeles County General Hospital;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, A few years after “Doc” Teale settled in
12 the foothills, he established his medical practice in
13 Calaveras County and quickly became a legendary
14 figure, having won the respect and loyalty of the citizens
15 of Calaveras County and the Mother Lode Country; and

16 WHEREAS, The people of Calaveras County elected
17 him to the county board of supervisors in 1948, where he
18 served for five years, having been re-elected in 1952; and

19 WHEREAS, In a special election in 1953, “Doc” Teale
20 was overwhelmingly elected to the State Senate
21 representing Calaveras, Mariposa, and Tuolumne
22 Counties, and, until his retirement in 1972, served there
23 with distinction, being recognized as one of the
24 Legislature’s most influential and effective members; and

25 WHEREAS, “Doc” Teale was also remarkable for his
26 continued interest in technology and, in recognition of his
27 efforts to establish computer technology in the
28 Legislature, the Senate named the state’s computer
29 center the “Stephen P. Teale Data Center”; and

30 WHEREAS, It would be a fitting tribute to Senator
31 Stephen P. “Doc” Teale for the long years of lasting
32 public service rendered by him to the citizens of
33 California, particularly to the people of Calaveras
34 County, that the portion of State Highway Route 26
35 between the communities of Mokelumne Hill and West
36 Point be designated in his memory as the Stephen P.
37 Teale Highway; and



1 WHEREAS, Bridge 26-17, postmile 12.14, on State
2 Highway Route 49 between Amador City and Drytown,
3 has been commonly known as the Rancheria Creek
4 Bridge; and

5 WHEREAS, By unanimous resolution of the Amador
6 County Board of Supervisors, the board has made known
7 that it desires to dedicate the Rancheria Creek Bridge as
8 the “Amador County Veterans Memorial Bridge” to
9 honor the many veterans of Amador County who have
10 bravely served our country in the Armed Services of the
11 United States; and

12 WHEREAS, *The Blue Star Memorial Highway project*
13 *was adopted in 1947 by the National Council of State*
14 *Garden Clubs, Inc.; and*

15 WHEREAS, *The project is designed to erect*
16 *appropriate highway markers on Blue Star Memorial*
17 *Highways to pay tribute to all of those who served so*
18 *gallantly in the armed forces of the United States in World*
19 *War II; and*

20 WHEREAS, *State Highway Route 89 extends from*
21 *State Highway Route 395, two miles north of Topaz to*
22 *three miles south of the Nevada, California state line,*
23 *continues north on the west side of Lake Tahoe, crosses*
24 *Interstate Highway Route 80 near Truckee, then*
25 *continues north and runs jointly with State Highway*
26 *Route 70 to the Greenville Wye, then continues on north*
27 *on the west side of Lake Almanor to the junction of State*
28 *Highway Route 36, then runs jointly with State Highway*
29 *Route 36 to the south entrance of Lassen Park and*
30 *continues through the national park, then continues to*
31 *the north to the junction of State Highway Route 44, and*
32 *then runs jointly and continues north to the junction of*
33 *Interstate Highway Route 5; and*

34 WHEREAS, *State Highway Route 89 has been*
35 *designated as a Blue Shield Memorial Highway; and*

36 WHEREAS, *The 10th Mountain Division of the United*
37 *States Army, consisting of some 15,000 soldiers, served*
38 *gallantly in the Italian Campaign during World War II;*
39 *and*

1 *WHEREAS, The 10th Mountain Division sustained the*
2 *loss of life of 992 soldiers, more than 300 of whom are*
3 *interred in the American Military Cemetery in Florence,*
4 *Italy; and*

5 *WHEREAS, Many of these veterans were originally*
6 *from the Sierra Nevada region of California; now,*
7 *therefore, be it*

8 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the*
9 *Assembly thereof concurring, That the portion of State*
10 *Highway Route 26 between the communities of*
11 *Mokelumne Hill and West Point in Calaveras County is*
12 *hereby officially designated the Stephen P. Teale*
13 *Highway, and that Bridge 26-17, located at postmile 12.14*
14 *on State Highway Route 49 in Amador County, is hereby*
15 *officially designated the Amador County Veterans*
16 *Memorial Bridge, and that the portion of State Highway*
17 *Route 89 between the City of Truckee and Tahoe City in*
18 *Placer County is hereby officially designated the 10th*
19 *Mountain Division Memorial Highway; and be it further*

20 *Resolved, That the Department of Transportation is*
21 *requested to determine the cost of appropriate plaques*
22 *and markers, consistent with the signing requirements*
23 *for the state highway system, showing the special*
24 *designations and, upon receiving donations from*
25 *nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those plaques*
26 *and markers; and be it further*

27 *Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit a*
28 *copy of this resolution to the Director of Transportation.*

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